



Proclamation

Presented to

Major General Michael A. Keltz

WHEREAS, Major General Michael A. Keltz received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1981; graduated with a Master of Science degree in Political Science from Troy State University in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Major General Michael A. Keltz's early military experience included flying combat and contingency operations on AC-130H, MC-130E, MC-130H and AC-130U gunships and Combat Talons in Grenada, El Salvador, Panama, Sierra Leone and in operations *Desert Storm* and *Provide Comfort*; and

WHEREAS, Major General Michael A. Keltz's commanding experience includes overseeing a special operations squadron; a special mission group in Iraq and Afghanistan; the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southeast Asia; and the 607th Air and Space Operations Center at Osan Air Base, South Korea; and

WHEREAS, Major General Michael A. Keltz is an experienced command pilot with more than 4,000 hours, including more than 300 combat and contingency sorties in AC-130, C-130E and MC-130 aircrafts; and

WHEREAS, Major General Michael A. Keltz has been recognized with outstanding military decorations and awards including:

- Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster;
- Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster;
- Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster;
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal;
- Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters;
- Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters; and

WHEREAS, Major General Michael A. Keltz has served on the headquarters staff in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, United States Special Operations Command and the Air Staff, as the Deputy Chief of CHECKMATE;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2011 as

"MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL A. KELTZ DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in commending Major General Michael A. Keltz for his outstanding military contributions to our communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of July, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i